

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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SANCTIFICATION AN EXPERIENCE

To be Sought and Obtained Subsequently to Conversion.

EVERYBODY OUGHT TO BE SANCTIFIED.

I wish everybody was sanctified that claims to be Christians. It would make quite a difference in the Christian world. There would be a greater influence for good everywhere the gospel is preached. It would do away with divisions and selfishness. The Bible would seem like a new Book to many. The world would be moved to honor the Christ that suffered outside of Jerusalem to sanctify the people with His own blood.

But the multitudes of those that profess to be Christians know nothing about such an experience. If they read their Bibles they are compelled to read about it, but reading about it alone will never give it to a man. It is a real experience to be sought and obtained subsequently to conversion, and if people are not truly converted they will not be able to get sanctified.

Sanctification is an experience. It is not a mere phantom. It is a reality to those who have met the conditions required and obtained it after earnest consecration and prayer. People say they have the witness of the Spirit bearing witness with their spirits that they are children of God. This is good and according to Scripture. (Rom. 8:16.) But there is also a witness to sanctification. This latter is just as true as the former. (Heb. 10:14,15.)

The Evangel has always stood for sanctification as a real experience sought and obtained subsequently to conversion. It has never weakened on this doctrine. It is truly a holiness paper and does not offer any compromise. It has sailed through many storms and conflicts. It has been torn to pieces, stamped upon, committed to the flames, criticised and cursed, but the next week it comes out fresh and new, brim full of fire and glory as if it had never had an enemy in the world.

One that is truly saved from his sins and a child of God will never oppose sanctification. His heart will hunger for the experience as soon as it is heard and explained. This is the same as to say that those who oppose holiness do not at the time of their opposition have a sky blue case of salvation.

It has always been a mystery to me that anybody would oppose anything that was good for them. But of course, when they do it, they do not know it is good. They think it is harmful or surely they would not oppose.

But it seems to me very unwise for any one to oppose sanctification as a real definite experience. My heart wanted it long before I received it. I had but little teaching, but God was leading me on. I did not understand the Scriptures then and I was feeling along in the dark. But the Holy Ghost was faithful and leading me steadily on. I was following the best I could. One thing sure, there was no rebellion in my heart, and nothing that objected to any part of the Bible. I did not care what the name was, I wanted the blessing. I spent long hours in prayer, and finally the sanctifying fire thrilled through my entire being.

Ever since I was sanctified I

have thought everybody ought to be sanctified. The experience has been worth so much to me that I want others to enjoy it. I have been preaching holiness from that day to this. I suppose I have seen thousands sanctified, and I have never seen a true prayed up Christian that opposed the experience.

Jesus prayed that we might be sanctified; God provided it for us before the foundation of the world. (John 17:17, Eph. 1:4.) Then He commands us to be holy, and Jesus suffered outside the north gate of Jerusalem that He might sanctify us with His own blood. Everything in the Bible favors sanctification. Not a trace of a sentence in the Bible rightly interpreted, that teaches against sanctification.

This "old man" of sin is trying to creep back into the lives of some of our people, and wants to keep them from enjoying the victory, and attending services, and tries to keep them from testifying to God's goodness and power when they do make out to get there. But not all are yielding to his slimy presence. They plead the blood and ride the waves and shout in the storm.

I never saw such a time as this is. The very darkness of hell seems to be turned loose on this world. There must be swarms of demons around every home, and at every meeting. Traces of these hosts of darkness are discernible everywhere. They mean to capture every saint if possible. They are urging a mighty war on every innocent child of God. We must stay sanctified or they will overcome us.

These demons are not only laboring to get all the saints to backslide and give up their hope of heaven, but they seem determined that no others shall ever get the blessing. Sometimes it almost seems that the very best people are tempted to tone down and not say much about sanctification, but when I see this tendency prevailing I feel more inspired to strike a heavier blow and cry with all my might, "Sanctify! sanctify!"

There are certain marks of a sanctified life. When these marks seem to grow dim it becomes easy for some people to shoulder their gun and start out "mote hunting." And usually people that undertake this can easily bag a plenty of game. If I begin to get a little faulty myself I cannot be content without noticing and pointing out to my friends the faults of others.

But I do not approve of such hunting expeditions. I believe they are detrimental to the best interests of Christianity. Such expeditions remind me of Nimrod, the mighty hunter, great-grandson of father Noah. He waxed great and strong, "and the beginning of his kingdom was Babel." The word Babel means "confusion," and surely nothing can cause any more confusion than for people to hunt up little faults in others and talk about them. And Jesus expressed His disapproval of such hunting by saying, "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why

beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?" Matt. 7:1-4)

Those who are sanctified have a better job than hunting for little things that they judge to be wrong in the lives of others. Instead of talking about them to others they will sympathize with and pray for them. It is often the case that one can do a thing and feel no condemnation about it, while another would be condemned to do that same thing. In such things as these we cannot judge one another.

Paul explains this principle in his instructions about eating. He says, "One believeth that he may eat all things: * * * let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth." (Rom. 14:2,3.) This is not meant to shield those who break over into known sin and open wickedness or disobedience. This is only to show that it is out of place for sanctified people to spend their time in hunting up faults in others and talking about them to others.

When one begins this it is an indication that his first love is fading and he has dropped down a little in his experience. The deeply spiritual are not apt to see the faults of others. They themselves are right and they seem to think others are right too. They are perfectly innocent and do not notice the "wire pulling" tendency in others. They are sanctified, and have fervent charity, and have no tendency to cause heart-aches in others. The truly sanctified have arrived at a place in experience, sometimes designated the term "Christian perfection." This does not mean absolute or human perfection, it only means that the "old man" principle is killed out and we are made pure and holy by the precious blood of Jesus. This puts us in close relationship with Jesus for it is said, "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." (Heb. 2:11.)

This is explained more fully in the Syriac version which reads, "For he that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified are all of one nature." As sanctification makes us one nature with Jesus then this means that we have arrived at the state of "Christian perfection" when we are sanctified. And while we retain this happy experience our lives will correspond with His life. And if there is not perfect harmony between a person and his Lord there is something wrong.

The carnal nature never agrees with Jesus. Of this Paul says, "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." (Rom. 8:7.) But when this nature is destroyed by the blood of Jesus Christ in sanctification (Heb. 13:12) there is a blending and unity formed, so it can be truthfully said, "He (Jesus) that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified are all of one nature." (Heb. 2:11.)

The experience described by the writer of Hebrews does not only show that Jesus and the person sanctified are of the same nature, but also that all who are sanctified are possessed with the

same nature. This means unity. This means oneness. This means fellowship. This means the absence of division. This is surely a beautiful state for those who love Jesus. No one trying to dominate over another except position requires it. Then the truly sanctified will submit without causing any ill-feelings. And those who have the oversight will rule with a humble and loving spirit with no selfish motives, but only to do his duty. For examples: The parents over the children, masters over their servants, employers over employees, pastors over churches, overseers over the subjects in the different departments of church work.

Paul describes a state where carnality is still alive. "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" (1 Cor. 3:3.) This picture describes the experience of people that do not have the same nature of Jesus. We have proved above that "He that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified are all of one nature." Where this exists there cannot be envying, and strife, and divisions. As the absence of envying, and strife, and divisions is a mark of sanctification, so the presence of envying, and strife and divisions is a mark of the existence of the nature that is contrary to the commands of God and the nature of Jesus Christ.

The babes in Christ may have the carnal nature, and if there

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are some signs of envying, and strife, and divisions it is nothing more than can be expected. But sanctification takes out that cross nature and replaces it with a new nature—the Christ-nature. Paul then describes such a person by saying, "Unto the pure all things are pure." This pure person is unsuspecting. His motives are pure and he feels like the motives of others are pure, so he is not ready to criticise, or see faults in others. If anything occurs in the life of another that seems wrong he will be ready to offer an excuse and shield the apparent offender. The most deeply spiritual will not notice the faults of others readily like those who are not so spiritual. The person that is high up on the mountain side will not notice the little stones and thorns below him. He is high enough so his vision covers much more, and they are unnoticed.

When a school boy I read of a student that had climbed high up toward the peak of the "Natural Bridge" in Virginia. I remember it was so high that to look down would mean certain death, because he would become dizzy, lose his balance and fall, so he always looked toward the top. This describes the condition of a sanctified man. If he looks down, of course he will see the faults and imperfections of others, become dizzy, lose his Christian balance and fall. But he must look up, and of course as long as he looks up he will hardly be able to see the imperfections and faults of those around him. If he sees them at all he will be ready to make some excuse for them and think they had a pure motive in view, so he will not take time to tell others about it.

Sanctification is a real experience that worketh a change in the

MANY SHALL RUN TO AND FRO

The Signboard Shows The End of The Age is Near--The Coming of The Lord Draweth Nigh.

L. HOWARD JULLERAT.

As one travels over the world in these days and especially about the centers of population he is impressed with the multitudes of people who are running to and fro. No doubt people have traveled some in all ages. We read that Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. A spirit of dissatisfaction came upon him after his murderous act and God told him "a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth." That same spirit of restlessness is in the hearts of many people today.

Abram, on the other hand, was called out of Ur of the Chaldees by the Lord Himself, journeyed to Haran, then went on to Bethel, a trip, all the way, of possibly 1200 miles. We know that their mode of travel was slow, the awkward looking camel being the chief means, also the horse and mule.

It took Ezra just four months to take the trip from Babylon to Jerusalem and no doubt that was considered good, for it says, "According to the good hand of his God upon him," and, the king had granted him all his request.

In Joseph's time we read of merchantmen going down to

nature so that those who are truly sanctified will want to do the very thing they ought to do. They will want to attend all the services for worship. They will want to testify. They will want to take the Lord's supper. They will want to engage in the foot-washing service. They will want to pay tithes and make an offering besides. They will find themselves unconsciously doing the very things they are commanded to do even before they know of the command. One said, "Well I did it this way; I did not know whether it was right or not, but I did it." One who was older in experience replied, "You are exactly right about the matter for the Bible says"—here he repeated the verse as proof.

Everybody ought to be sanctified. It is much better than to be lowering down the mountain slope stumbling over every little rocky fault (?) of those who may really be higher in experience than the one who sees the faults.

A saint of years ago said he lost the experience seven times, before he was fully established in it, by failing to testify to it. If it can be lost that easy then it may be possible that some in these days have lost it and are still professing the experience. If you find in you a tendency toward envying, and strife, and causing divisions in the Church because something has not gone just as you wished, it might be well to take Paul's advice and "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith." (2 Cor 13:5.) You may have lost the nature of Jesus that you once possessed. If you should find yourself in this deplorable condition the only thing I know for you to do is to get back in line and never stop till you reach that same humble experience that always accompanies the experience of sanctification. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one nature." And this is victory.

Egypt with their camels bearing spicery, balm and myrrh.

During the life of Christ the Roman Empire extended from the Scottish walls to the Arabian Desert and Gibbon states that all the cities were connected with each other and with the capital by the public highways, which, issuing from the Forum of Rome, traversed Italy, pervaded the provinces and were terminated only by the frontiers of the empire. Many famous highways crossed Palestine, and Galilee, where Jesus spent most of His earthly life, was covered with roads to important cities. The great road from Egypt to Assyria went quite near Nazareth. Truly all these highways were a great aid to the spread of Christianity and enabled the early Christians to travel far and near. Sailing ships plied the waters of the Great Sea, some of them quite large as we see in Acts when Paul was shipwrecked, for that ship had 276 people on board besides a cargo of wheat.

We come on down through the centuries and very few improvements were made until we reach the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Then it seems that a titanic force, long confined or restrained, is suddenly turned loose. In our own country—a young giant among nations—do we find some of the greatest strides. The invention and development of the steam engine and later of the gasoline engine has revolutionized modes of transportation and now things "run," people "run," no time to walk now as in days gone by, we are on the "run."

Today a network of railways is spread over our land and the trains "run" to and fro, many of them. It is said that about 1,000 trains daily enter and leave New York City. In 1804 we read of a train that traveled "five miles an hour with ease." Today "The 20th Century Limited" runs from New York to Chicago, 981 miles, in eighteen hours. You can leave New York City in the afternoon and the next morning stop at our inland metropolis, having slept on a comfortable bed, read the latest news from the ends of the world, your pages lit up with electric lights and your room kept warm by steam. In the morning you walk to the rear car where is spread before you on linen, white and clean, foods gathered from earth's remotest bounds. O, if Solomon could only see what we behold, surely he would think that we are living in princely style today. Six great transcontinental trunk lines connect the Atlantic and Pacific shores. The "iron horses" hurry over the plains, snort up the mountain passes and slide down the other side with their long trains of freight and human souls behind them.

Many are running to and fro; multiplied millions in the United States alone are doing so. One has said that the travel by automobile alone—of which there are about five million—would amount to 1600 times the distance around this earth daily!

Even the Holiness preacher derives many benefits from this rapid locomotion. He can hold a ten days meeting in Florida, close on Sunday night, get on board the "Dixie Flyer" and by Thursday night be ready to fight

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Pray for the boys in the camps. They need our sympathy and encouragement. Some of them are already in France.

Remember the trial of your faith will be a blessing to you if you endure and do not draw back or falter.

Perilous times have come and it is a time when we need to nestle close together and lean upon the all-powerful arm of the Lord.

Less talk about some things and more prayer and faith will accomplish more, and bring greater blessings to the multitudes of earth that are unsaved.

Some of the overseers report great victories in their district conventions. God is surely honoring the messages and instructions that are given.

Please do not forget to work for the Evangel and help us to push it over the top by the Assembly. It will take some work to do it, but we surely must not fail.

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Pray that God may pour out His Spirit in a more wonderful manner than ever. The prophet tells us to pray for rain in the time of the latter rain, and surely this is the time for the latter rain of the Spirit.

We make one more earnest appeal for help. I know our entire Evangel family is more or less interested in this matter. We are all united together and have one common interest. We will all rejoice when we reach the ten thousand mark. But it is going to take strong effort on our part. I appeal to every one for help. Please do your best and send in a list of subscribers. We do not want donations, but we want subscribers. We will

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Just received news over the wire of our Brother T. A. Tarply, of Jefferson City, Tenn., meeting with a serious accident in the mines. He is bruised and mangled and in a serious condition. His sister-in-law, Mattie Bates, phoned us to have special prayer for him, which we did at once. He is in the hospital at Knoxville. Pray for him. He is a good man and a deacon in the Church of God.

Notice.

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the devil in Milwaukee, the home of beer, or lay siege to Boston, the home of Christian Science. The "circuit rider" can get in his "Ford" after breakfast, ride thirty miles to his church and preach on Sunday morning, have a great service after dinner, and at night hurl the words of truth against error and sin, then, his work over, he jumps in his car, rides home and enjoys a few hours well earned rest and on Monday morning you find him behind the plow just about as early as his neighbor who fights holiness, sits around on Sunday smoking and spitting, cussing and discussing those who claim we should live above sin. Yes, they are on the "run" too, and the devil is on the "run" today along with the rest of his crowd.

Satan told the Lord that he had been going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it; but that was a long time ago, and I declare, brethren, that today I don't believe he takes the time to walk, but he must be one of them that "run to and fro," at least it seems that way to most of us who are serving the Lord in these last days. Jesus said He beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. That was going at the rate of seven times around the world in a second of time. If he goes that fast in every direction he is surely "running to and fro" at a marvelous rate.

In our large cities the street cars jostle each other, along with automobiles, until traffic officers are kept busy regulating the end-

less procession on the crowded streets. Overhead you hear the swift elevated trains booming over your head and up in the sky the airship purrs along with the velocity of a gale while down underneath your feet the subway or underground railway is hurling its precious human cargo in the bowels of the earth. There isn't enough room for them to run to and fro on the ground or in the street, they have to fly overhead and tunnel down below and this is a countless procession, a daily occurrence.

A noble of Abyssinia visiting in New York City, viewing the hurry and rush on Broadway, exclaimed, "Why do they not sit down and rest? Surely the bones of those who run so fast will wear away!"

On the sea, also, great progress has been made, and the great Atlantic has been crossed in less than four and one half days by a great ocean greyhound capable of carrying 3000 souls. These modern steamships are nearly 1000 feet long and are equipped with the luxuries and appointments of palaces. Never in the history of mankind have we known of an age so characterized with the rapid transportation of men, messages and merchandise.

In Daniel's time swift domesticaries carried the decrees of the great king to the many provinces and yet it took days to reach the distant cities few of which were over 500 miles distant from the capital. Today our President sits at Washington and by means of the telegraph in a few minutes makes known to this great country the bill from Congress that he has signed thus making it a law. Los Angeles, California, over 3000 miles away, in a few minutes learns what has transpired at Washington. A fast express train of today could travel the distance to most any part of Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom in one day.

Surely it is plain that many are running to and fro in these days. As I sit at my desk trainloads of people, hundreds of tons of freight, are passing by on a great railroad connecting the South with the great markets of our populous East. The "Limit" or the "Flyer," or the "Special" go swiftly through the land carrying many.

Daniel was told to shut up the words and seal the book even to the time of the end. Truly then, the conclusion must be that if the conditions described for the time of the end are about us we are in the time of the end. Say, my friend, when you see the trainloads of people going by, when you hear the honks of all those automobiles, when the loaded street cars and steamboats run by, remember the prophet of God. Prepare! for the coming of the Lord is drawing nigh. The signboard shows that you are very near the end of the age.

Many shall run to and fro, See them come and see them go! No longer can they idly walk. But run they must like crazy folk. See the train loads rushing by! Watch the airships as they fly! Hear the autos "honking" madly, Steamboat whistles blowing loudly. Here they come and there they go, Here today and gone tomorrow. Why seem things so out of gear? The coming of the Lord is near.

Report.

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings to All:

I feel like reporting what God has helped us to do this year with our tent.

We had our first meeting in the tent at the church in Ridgedale and twenty received the Holy Ghost. From there we moved the tent to East Lake, where we had wonderful meetings in His name. Eight received the blessed Holy Ghost and more were saved and sanctified.

From East Lake we moved the tent to Brayton, Tennessee, about nine miles from Graysville, Tenn. The Lord gave us a wonderful victory. Brother A. Horn

and Brother J. W. Nelson were with us a few days but were called away. Brother Gentry, of Sale Creek, was with us some.

We were there seventeen days. We met much opposition at first but soon the good people began to see the truth and when we came away we left many friends there. The Lord baptized ten with the Holy Ghost and of course they spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance as the evidence, as all who receive Him do just like they did in Bible times. We have the same Bible and the same Holy Ghost of the Bible talks when He has the chance. We know this and nothing else satisfies us.

Some of the best people on the mountain received the Holy Ghost. Praise God! Brother J. C. Keedy, a music teacher, his wife and son, the wife of the postmaster at Brayton, and others, I don't have space to name them all, wish I did.

We set the Church of God in order Saturday night with eight members. Two more are to come in as soon as they can get the tobacco out of their store. They are going to box it up and sell it at cost to get rid of it so they can come into the church at once. Praise God for such a salvation as this!

We had a baptismal service Sunday evening and the Lord's supper at night. Of course we had feet-washing after supper, just like Jesus did. The large crowd looked on while we shouted and danced, and talked in tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance.

While we were preaching some of the brethren saw fire all over the tent on the outside.

The service closed with the altar full of seekers crying out to God for blessings.

Brother Lively, of Graysville, and other visitors were with us Sunday night.

Two lots were offered us on which to build a church. Brother Keedy said he would give the lumber and others said they would give nails and money. Praise God! There is a fine work there now. A Sunday school is organized. Brother J. C. Keedy was appointed for deacon and Roy Jordan as clerk. Brother and Sister Gentry, of Sale Creek, were appointed to look after the work at present.

The Ridgedale church is growing nicely. We now have a mission at Rossville, under the care of Ridgedale church, of which we are proud. Brother Will Leatherwood is in charge of this mission. Praise God for what He is doing! We mean to work till Jesus comes.

J. L. Scott,
Pastor at Ridgedale.

LETTER FROM THE BLIND EVANGELIST

CLARENCETOWN, BAHAMAS.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Yours of loving interest to hand and encouraging contents read and enjoyed.

I particularly note the appreciation on your part of the work which the Lord is performing through us human instruments at Long Island, Bahamas. Surely such appreciation vividly brings to my mind's eye the judgment seat of Christ and causes me to anticipate the time when my works will be tested by Christ Himself and reward for faithful service be given.

This glorious thought which is now before my mind gives rise to these questions: How am I acquitting myself on earth for Him? How much of my life has His approval? Will my work obtain a reward? The reality of such future trial of works invests my present life with grave responsibility. Earnestly desiring to hear from His blessed lips "well done, thou good and faithful servant," I press forward.

The work is still going on. The opposition is strong, yet in the midst of it God is saving

souls, both young and old. The number that have been recently saved at Clarencetown is five.

Did you receive my letter of May 24 which gives an account of the work of the Church of God both at this place and at the Bight. The number of souls saved at the Bight then was twenty-three and six more were speedily added to the number. All were baptized. Since then a few more have been saved and added to the church. The number at Clarencetown was eight. Since then five more have been saved, making a total of thirteen souls since we have been in this locality.

The priest, so called, through whom the strong opposition came, having left the island for a while, and my presence and fellowship at the annual convention having been requested by the overseer, bishops and other ministers of the Church of God, I embraced the opportunity and rendered such assistance as was required of me which I trust was well pleasing to the Lord. This meeting which was in session for ten days was one long to be remembered by both speakers and hearers. During its course fourteen souls were saved and added to the Church of God.

A few days previous to the convening of the meeting the power of God was miraculously demonstrated in the healing of a sister who was apparently dying. This was the answer to prayer.

After the close of the meeting I returned to my post at Clarencetown and found that, in my absence my wife had been conducting quite a few successful meetings both within and without and the Lord had graciously blessed her undertaking, for by her instrumentality five young people were brought to the Lord. She has won the favor of both old and young which I trust will be the means of Christ winning their hearts through her.

On this island I have traveled extensively northward, going from village to village telling the low and fallen of a Savior's love, that they all might know. I have gone on horseback a distance of twenty-three miles. On two occasions I have gone eleven miles up the shore by the means of a ten feet sailboat; twice I've walked twelve miles, once six miles and last, seven miles. Now as the influential priest is called away from this place and the raging storm has ceased, I will go over the same ground and beyond, seeing that almost the whole island lieth in the lap of the wicked one.

Brother Major desires to be remembered to you. His physical strength is decreasing and he prefers doing the work of a deacon which he does very readily. He is still a faithful and useful servant of the Lord.

Please pray for us.
Yours in His service,
Fred G. Taylor.

Cookeville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The meeting at Cookeville was a victorious one. The Lord worked in many different ways. We do praise Him for His goodness to us. We praise Him for the liberty He gave the different preachers in giving out the Word. It seemed that He specially blessed in singing praise to Him.

While we can't report a great number filled with the Holy Ghost, we believe we can of a truth report a great number convinced.

One received the Holy Ghost for we heard her speak with tongues and magnify God. Three were baptized in water.

The Lord blessed us in observing the Lord's supper and washing the saints' feet. The meeting closed with victory.

We go from here to Pleasant Hill to begin a meeting August 17. Pray for us. Any one that is near is cordially invited to come and help us.

Yours in the Master's service,
Spencer F. Beard.

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EVANGEL OFFICE**Berea, Ky.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God this morning for victory through the blood of Jesus.

Our meeting of five days closed yesterday with victory. One was saved, one sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. People all over the house were touched by the Spirit of God and wept.

We began a meeting last night five miles below Klondike. We had a grass carpet to stand on and a sky roof to preach under. A good crowd was present. Some raised their hands for prayer.

This is a very wicked place. Most of the people live in tents and work in the coal mines and on the railroad.

Pray much for us. May God bless you all.

Your brother,
Jim Wylie.

Gone To Be With Jesus

Little Leonard, the fifteen-months-old baby of Brother and Sister Reynolds, of Monarat, Va., went to live with Jesus, August 8, 1918, after an illness of just a few days.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones. May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon them and may He comfort them in their sorrow.

W. F. Mooney

Camp Pike, Ark.

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I am glad to know that dear souls are striving together in prayer to God for me and I fully believe these prayers will be answered.

I beg you to only continue to pray for me that even here in the army I may live a life that will glorify God. The temptations are many but I am trusting in my Savior and am by no means tired, realizing that in some way or other the Lord will provide. Pray for me that I may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Saints, please write me, and will someone send me the Evangel.

Your brother in Christ,
Walter A. Gann,
Co. C. 3rd Regiment,
Camp Pike, Ark.

Request.

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I am hereby asking you to remember me in your prayers as I am in a place where righteousness is despised. I am trusting in the Lord. I know it will take nothing less than the grace of God to stand.

I'm not asking the Lord to keep persecutions away, but I am asking Him to give me grace to stand. Please pray that I may have wisdom and knowledge to speak as I ought to speak, and to act as I ought to act.

M. O. Reeves,
Co. D., 4th Prov. Regt.,
156th Depot Brigade,
Camp Jackson, S. O.

Report.

The meeting at Crane Eater, Ga. closed Sunday, night. Ten were baptized with the Holy Ghost, nine followed the Lord in water baptism and five were added to the Church of God.

M. S. Lemons.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

SAM. C. PERRY.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7.

The normal condition of the church is holiness, or purity, freedom from all sin, and its destructive nature. If we succeed in this, the heart becomes as a watered garden (Isa 58:11) where the fruits of the Spirit, under the showers of heavenly grace, grow in profusion. Every Spirit-filled child of God should expect, yea, should possess, an abounding fullness of spiritual life and power, and an experience of extraordinary satisfaction and comfort.

If this is not your condition as a possessor of the Pentecostal blessing, do not settle down and try to content yourself with that which is short of the Word of God, and does not give satisfaction to your soul.

Even if you feel that your experience is as good as many others around you, it would be hypocritical in you to settle down and be at ease with an experience that does not measure to God's Word as it has been shown to you by the Spirit.

Remember that there is something wrong somewhere and that something should be found and corrected as quickly as possible, or you may find yourself a backslider. We believe that there are many who have just trifled along with those who had experiences that did not measure up to the standard until they have become backsliders.

If we are conscious of a shortage in our experience this is sufficient cause for alarm, and should set us to searching and looking to God for light and help, no matter what the preacher, or anybody else is doing or thinking.

There are times when our safety depends on the position or condition of others, but in spiritual things every man must look to God for himself; of course others can help us, but we must each stand or fall according to his own attitude to God and the truth.

Our standing in holiness and righteousness depends upon our walk, we must "walk in the light." That means to obey as God commands, or shows us what He wants us to do.

This is the difficulty with many. It's comparatively easy to profess and to stand with God's people, but to be obedient in everything is a very close life, step by step, in all things, little things as well as the greater. This is His requirement.

God overlooks ignorance, mistakes and infirmities of the flesh to an extent, but He says "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." James 3:17. This is more, if possible, than mere obedience to the written law, but it even becomes a sin to leave undone those things that would bring blessing and goodness to the world about us as we pass through.

We take this to be the standard by which God's Church must walk "in the light." It means more to some than to others. Some have a greater capacity for seeing, walking and doing. But all must walk along as fast as they can in the light that shines upon their pathway.

Some are slow to see, and it takes them a long time to see, but if dealt with in patience and love they will see after a while. Others see much quicker. But why be impatient with any? Does not God the great Light-giver suit the light to each eye?

Some walk slower than others. It is naturally so. There is no remedy for this that we know of, it has always been so, doubtless will always be so. But we should be glad they are walking at all, and we must encourage them to

come on as fast as they can. If we discourage them, they may fall out entirely. Let's keep them coming if possible, a slow walk is far better than none, and is perhaps as good as any if it is the best that one can possibly do. If we can walk faster in the light of God than others we should not get puffed up about it, but we should rejoice, keep humble and press on.

Then there are many who cannot do as others, or what others do. They haven't the capacity, they do not see the opportunities, nor feel the responsibility. God never intended that they should but they can fill their place, do the work that is upon them, and be as faithful in their little corner as the most useful leader or minister.

So God deals with every one from the standpoint of His own conception of the truth. It would be impossible for Him to do otherwise. If God dealt with us each according to the light and understanding of the Bible and Himself, enjoyed by the highest order of saints, there would be so many things about us that many of us would not understand, that we would be in endless confusion. So he leads us on, dealing with the old veteran of the cross as he understands, and the babe in Christ as he can comprehend, and then with all classes as they can receive, some with meat, and some with milk, but all walking in the light of God that shines through Jesus Christ to the inhabitants of this dark world. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not abide in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

This glorious light points the way out of sin and into holiness, and into a life of spiritual power by the Holy Ghost. It points to the healing of the body and the material blessings and supplies that make us efficient workers for Him.

It points to the thousand duties that go to make up the life of a faithful, practical Christian in this world of sin, such as honesty, obedience to God, truth, patience, kindness, purity and uprightness.

It also lights the way to a life of Christian service in the Master's vineyard here in this world. How to witness for the Master, how to bless others through prayer and a life filled with good words, acts and deeds, both to the saved and unsaved, to the suffering, distressed and needy all along the way, ready for the crowning day, are revealed under the glorious rays of this light.

Hixon, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I feel that I ought to send in a report of the work at Daisy, Tenn.

For a number of years just a few of God's little ones have been holding on to Him. We had no place to worship except in our homes. At times it seemed almost impossible for us to have a building, but we knew the Word says we shall have the desires of our hearts, so, like Elijah, we kept praying and trusting, looking for God to open up the way. Now, praise His name, we see signs of abundance of rain for we now have a lot in Daisy decided to the Church of God and a part of the lumber on the ground and are ready to go to work on the building. We have had to buy our lumber on time. We ask the prayers of all the saints that the Lord will supply all the needs.

Sister Miller has moved over from Dividing Ridge to help us. She plays the organ. It is wonderful to see how the people come out to hear the singing. The crowds kept increasing until

we had to move out in the yard.

We have no organ for the church now. We have been using our parlor organ. Our daughter has denied herself the use of it all summer and just left it up at the home where we have our meetings, but school having begun we have had to move it back home where she can practice. So if anybody has an organ that is not in use and would be willing to lend it to the Lord for a little while, I am sure it will be for the glory of God and the upbuilding of His church. Anyone that can help in this way write,

Mrs. Walter Poe,
Bx 85, Route 2,
Hixon, Tenn.

Paris, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints—Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus:

I am still praising God for victory and for what He is doing here in Texas.

We are just home from Point where we were in a meeting ten days. Satan was there with his force, but God gave us the victory. Eight were saved, six sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. We baptized eight in water and six were added to the church.

We had large crowds and good attention. People came eight and ten miles to the meeting. The Lord blessed in giving out the Word.

Brother Nelson was with us and rendered excellent service. Brother Webb came from Tennessee three days before we left. The meeting was still going on. I don't know what the final results will be.

We expect to begin a revival here at Paris soon. We desire the prayers of all the saints that God will give us many souls.

Yours in the Master's service,
Herschel N. Scoggins.

Report

Dear Evangel:

Having been requested by one of the brethren in charge to report the success of a meeting held near Birchwood, Tenn., I will say for the glory of God that this meeting was indeed a wonderful success. Many souls were saved and sanctified, and five were baptized with the Holy Ghost, who, of course, spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Many people were convinced and were heard to say, "God is behind that work," and that they wanted the experience.

Your humble servant and writer of this report had the pleasure of attending six night services during the meeting and it was wonderful to see the saints wafted about by the mighty power of God, some shouting, some dancing, some talking in tongues and others falling flat to the ground under the power of the Holy Ghost.

Last Sunday night the Holy Ghost was moving in such a wonderful way that I found myself looking in the elements to see if the Lord had not already come in the air.

Beloved, the Lord is soon coming after His saints. Let us see if we can't get closer to Him or we might fail to go up to meet Him when he comes.

Pray for me that I may ever be found ready and watching for the coming of our Lord.

Yours for the Lord,
George Lee.

Sapa, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed a two weeks meeting in Matheson, Miss. Good interest was manifested from first to last. Large crowds were in attendance.

This was a new place where the gospel had never been preached, but in spite of the enemy's efforts three received the Holy Ghost and one was sanctified. Praise God forevermore!

From here we go to Charleston. Please pray that the Lord will lead us in a plain path.

O. A. Churchill.

At Rest.

On August 4, 1918, Brother Ed Easterling, of Tarpon Springs, Fla., went home to live with Jesus. He was not one of us when he was taken sick, but through sufferings and the prayers of his faithful wife and the saints he was brought to God.

Bro. Easterling was sick nine weeks. At first he suffered intensely. The doctors could give him no relief, so he surrendered all to God and sent for the saints to come and pray for him. The Lord wonderfully answered our prayers and saved and sanctified him and removed the pain.

The saints would go every afternoon and pray for him. He would get happy and laugh and praise the Lord. The night before he died he praised the Lord almost continually and said all was on the altar and if God wanted him he was ready to go.

He leaves a wife and one child and a host of friends and relatives, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for we expect to meet him again.

Mrs. Eola Gause.

Mentone, Ala.

Dear Evangel Family:

I certainly am praising God for what He has been doing at this place. Our revival which has just closed has left many on the victory side. Eight received the baptism according to Acts 2:4. Three were saved, and three reclaimed and one sanctified. Eleven were added to the church and eight baptized in water.

Brother Walker was here to assist our pastor, Brother Robinson. The Lord wonderfully blessed them in giving out the precious truths. The mighty power of God was present so that fire was seen. Music was heard at a very quiet time.

Some of the services continued nearly all night. The Spirit wonderfully used a little girl in pleading with the lost souls and touched many hearts and brought some to God.

There are still many hungry souls here. Many who were once our enemies are coming in. Praise God!

One dear sister who sought the Baptism during the meeting and failed to receive it, was baptized with the Holy Ghost Sunday morning at her home where she and her husband were alone. This made him hungry for the experience.

Please pray for this place.
Your sister in Christ,
Minnie Ivens.

Hickory Point, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

More than two years ago the Father sent me the full gospel because I was hungering and thirsting after righteousness. When I heard it preached in the demonstration and power of the Spirit with signs following I fell prostrate at the feet of Jesus and would not be denied until He smiled upon me. I wrestled until I obtained salvation full and complete. Oh, what joy was mine when the temple was made fit for the indwelling of the blessed Comforter.

Oh, such wonderful condescension on the part of our Father to send His Holy Spirit into our hearts to abide. And He really abides. The devil has given me some hard knocks, but praise the Lord! He abides. He is really the guest of honor in my heart.

I abhor sin in any guise and it breaks my heart because I can't do more for my blessed Lord.

I am asking God for wisdom that I may not make mistakes thereby bringing reproach on the cause I love so well. I would rather die than to do this. Oh, for wisdom that is from above!

When the church was shown me in the beauty of true holiness I was sick in body and through prayer and laying on of hands and faith in Jesus I was wonderfully and instantly healed of

chronic stomach trouble of twenty years standing. From that day I have not taken any medicine. I have been healed of other trouble since that time but I am now afflicted with a tumor. I have prayed earnestly and others have prayed for me but I am not relieved. I am very desirous to be healed if it please the Father, nevertheless not my will, but God's be done. Please pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,
Mattie Batts.

Request.

Dear Saints of God:

I want to write a few words with regard to myself. I am a sinner, but I believe in divine healing and I desire the saints to pray for me that I may be healed. I am afflicted with that dreadful disease, pellagra. The doctors have waited on me twelve months but have done me very little good. I feel sure God will heal me if I live for Him and I mean to try my best to live for Him. Please pray that my sins may be forgiven and that I may be healed.

Also pray for my little girl to be healed of the same disease. God is the only one who can heal that awful disease.

Sincerely,
Jessie Ragsdale.

Report

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed another meeting at Oppy, Ky., which continued six days. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Many were saved and sanctified, and nine or ten received the Holy Ghost. The meeting closed with about twenty at the altar crying to God.

Brother Stewart and Brother Williams were with us and assisted in giving out the Word.

We do thank God for victory, and for about thirty-five baptized saints at Oppy, Ky. Many are seeking more of the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,
S. O. Luther.

Camp Meeting Notice.

The camp meeting at Branford, Florida, will begin September 12, 1918. Brother J. W. Pitcher is expected to be with us, also Brother Sam O. Perry. John L. Stephens and wife will be in charge of the music.

Everybody is invited to come and enjoy this feast with the Lord. Remember this is a camp meeting and all except those invited as workers are expected to come prepared to camp.

For any further information write R. P. Johnson, or Martin Tompkins, clerk, Branford, Florida.

Catchings, Miss.

Dear Mr. Tomlinson:

I want to request you and all of God's children to pray for me. I see the light and have prayed for the experience but the Lord seems so far away. He has not yet answered my prayer. I also request prayer for my dear husband.

Please pray also that I may be healed of rheumatism. I have suffered intensely with it. I am some better, but want to be well.

An earnest seeker,
Mrs. T. W. Tatom.

Corinth, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We want to praise God for victory. We have been down at Walker Church conducting a meeting with Brother E. O. Rider. The Lord greatly blessed. Three were saved and sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. Praise God for His wonderful power!

If the Lord wills we will begin a meeting at Lepanto, Arkansas, August 18. Everybody is invited. Please pray for us.

Yours in Christ,
Sydney Smedley and wife.

Home Mission Receipts

Church, Kinser's Tabernacle, Tenn.,	\$ 5 75
Church, Gastonia, N. C.,	2 85
Dividing Ridge, Tenn.,	2 00
S. S. Artesia, Miss.,	1 00
Church, Toonigh, Ga.,	3 60
Collections, Nashville, Tenn.,	3 35
Church, N. Chatta., Tenn.,	4 68
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Sunburst, N. C.,	5 90
Campaign, Tenn.,	5 52
M'Minnville, "	3 11
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Copperhill, Tenn.,	1 00
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Cripple Creek, Va.,	2 80
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Abbeville, Ga.,	1 45
Tampa, Fla.,	4 20
Colcord, W. Va.,	2 19
Cookeville, Tenn.,	2 06
Erastus, N. C.,	2 00
Ft. Myers, Fla.,	2 20
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Miami, Fla.,	4 50
S. S. Miami, Fla.,	1 00

Revival Meeting Notice.

A revival meeting will begin at Louisville, Ky., September 7, 1918. We are expecting our overseer, W. F. Bryant, and Brother Luther Richard to be with us. A hearty welcome is extended to all honest seekers after truth. Come, and let us make this meeting count for God.

W. S. Gentry, pastor,
516 S. 18th St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Revival Meeting Notice.

Our revival at Pratt City, Ala. will begin September 5, 1918. Everybody is invited. Those who cannot come, be sure to pray much for the meeting.

Brother Luther Richard will be with us. Others who can come will receive a hearty welcome.

T. A. Richard, pastor.

Summerville, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson: I desire to sound a note of praise to my dear Redeemer. Praise His name, I am still saved and sanctified. I praise Him for His healing power. I am seeking the Holy Ghost. Please pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,
Velma Byrum.

Bogue N. C.

Dear Evangel Readers: I am praising the Lord for what He has done for me. He has wonderfully saved me from my sins. Bless his name!

I am so glad the Lord sent Brother Aaron Smith here to preach the gospel to us. He has led many into the light who had wandered so far in darkness.

I just want to go and tell the lost what God will do for them if they will only humble themselves before Him. I should be willing to deny myself food and sleep for some time if in so doing I could bring souls to repentance. It is my heart's desire to work for the Master.

We want the Lord to send us a minister.

Brother Alva Taylor, who has been helping us in our prayer meetings, left Monday for his home in Cortez, Fla. We were sorry indeed to see him go for he had been so much help to us. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us since he has been here.

I was sanctified a few weeks ago. I want all the saints to pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost. Also, please pray for my brother who is in France.

Your sister in Christ,
Leona Pringle.

Paris, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Blessed Name:

At the age of ten years the Lord convicted me of sin and I went to the altar in an old-fashioned meeting and prayed through and got saved the old-fashioned way.

My home had always from my earliest memory been a house of prayer. Notwithstanding this, my father thought I was too young to know the meaning of being a Christian.

One Monday they left me at home to take care of the smaller children. When father came in from the field to go to church, mother having gone on taking the dinner, as they had all day meeting, he found me in the barn on my knees praying. My hands were up toward heaven and I was crying and pleading with God to save me.

They arranged for night services and I had the privilege of going at night. The first service I attended I went to the altar and prayed through. Oh! the light that beamed on my soul was as real as heaven!

That year Dr. Godbey came through the country preaching holiness. My father took me to hear him preach, but being so young and the doctrine so new I did not get the light on sanctification then.

Shortly afterward I joined the M. E. Church of which my parents were members. God blessed me and answered my prayers in many instances.

Brother Freeman, who helped in the meeting in which I was saved, told me that if I wanted anything in any way to ask the Lord for it and I didn't have any more sense than to believe what he said. In the fall of that year I took the chills. My father gave me quinine pills. I didn't like to take them. I thought of what the preacher said and instead of taking them I threw them away and prayed. Each time afterward instead of taking the pill I threw it away and prayed. Thank God! I have never had another chill. That childlike faith is with me until today.

I have lived a Christian all my life, going far and near to all kinds of meetings. God used me in winning souls for Him. Though I, at the age of eighteen years, married a wicked man, I lived a Christian.

In the year 1888, leaving my Christian home in Tennessee, I came to Texas. We landed the first night at the home of my husband's father. The girls and boys, also the gray-haired father sat down to the card table. The pangs of that night chill me now as my mind runs back to that scene. The walls that came from my heart shocked the neighborhood. My mother-in-law tried to console me by saying, "My child, you will have to put up with lots of things if you live a Christian in Texas." I told her that I loved her boy better than any one on earth, but nothing would ever come between me and God. It took lots of grit and grace but God provided it. Praise His name!

We moved to town. The people in town were not as spiritual as those in the country. They appointed a committee to wait on me for shouting at home.

That fall a man by the name of Ward and his wife came to Bonham preaching holiness as a second work of grace. I soon saw I needed the experience. At the close of her sermon the first night the lady preached, she asked all that believed what she had preached to be the Word of God to stand. I arose and said: "I believe it is Bible and I expect to have the experience."

On Sunday I went to the altar seeking sanctification and the Lord blessed me. They told me I was sanctified; I said, "No; I've been happy this way a thousand times." On Monday I fasted and prayed and the Lord

seemed to talk to me all day and lead me step by step. By night I had my consecration complete. I testified to being on the altar which sanctified the gift. I didn't have any more joy than I had before.

I didn't go to the altar that night, but while in the altar instructing seekers I straightened up, and down in my heart said: "I am sanctified." The power fell upon me and the glory flooded my soul. I had shouted until I was hoarse but my voice was cleared and I praised God till three o'clock in the morning.

Then I was a target sure enough for the devil to shoot at. They turned me out of the M. E. Church on the charge of heresy. All of my relatives thought I had disgraced them except my mother.

In a little while God called me to preach. Then came another test. I had started to go through so I said, "Yes" to God and went out in the work and preached the best I could. My husband was converted and sanctified and traveled with me four years. We trusted God for healing as all Holiness people did then.

My husband backslid and began to move from place to place to get away from the Holiness people. I would start a prayer meeting and in a little while we would have another Holiness band.

We moved to Frederick, Oklahoma. It was my custom to go upstairs in the afternoon and pray one hour. The Lord showed me that I did not receive the Holy Ghost when I was sanctified. One afternoon a minister by the name of Facker came through the town and told me that it was the Holy Ghost I was seeking.

While praying one afternoon the power fell on me and the Holy Ghost came in and I began speaking in different languages. I tried to stop as I had never heard any one speak in the unknown tongues. But, thank God, the Holy Ghost abides to-day.

I have been raised up from death's door about four times during the twenty-two years I've been trusting God for my body.

About a year ago some people came here preaching about the Church of God. I had never come into communication with the Holiness people here until they came. I had said I never would join another church unless the Lord led me. The Lord gave me two visions of the church and I'm a member today.

I covet your prayers that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet and that my family may be saved.

Your unworthy sister,
Mrs. Mollie L. Wilson.

Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am truly praising God for the sweet assurance I have in my heart that the Comforter really abides.

I have just read the little Evangel. I could not refrain from weeping for joy when it came as I read about the good meetings the saints are having and of the wonderful way God is working in various parts of the world. While I am deprived of the privilege of being in those good meetings, I am so glad I am not separated from Jesus. He is so precious to me here. I know He will never leave nor forsake one of His little children. Oh, how I love Him! I can feel His presence with me while I am writing. I feel more determined to live for Jesus than I ever did before.

I don't think I ever loved the Church of God as I do now. I shall be so glad when Jesus comes and catches away His people and we shall never be separated again.

I want every child of God to pray for me that I may continue to have faith to trust the Lord for my body. This is not like

being at home where one can stop work if he is not healed. I was very sick one day. I knew I would have to go on duty or go to the hospital, but just in time the Lord touched my body with His mighty healing power. It seemed just as if there were some of the saints around the cot laying their hands on me.

I also desire the saints to pray for my wife who is in bad health that she may keep victory over the enemy and be happy and cheerful and have wisdom to bring up our two little boys in the way they should go.

Remember I love you all.

Your brother in Christ,
Asa L. Ellis.

[I suppose this dear brother feels too modest to tell of a special incident that occurred a few days since, but we have been informed of its truthfulness and, feeling that it may be good for others, we give it as it was given us and pass it on for what it is worth.

This dear brother is still faithful to Jesus while in camp. He finds plenty of opportunities for doing good. He reads his Bible and talks and prays with his comrades.

While in prayer on one certain occasion a certain young man, in passing the tent, heard the praying inside. He began mocking. He went inside the tent and continued his mocking and jeering but Brother Ellis continued his prayer, paying no attention to him. Finally, affecting (in mockery) a very pious attitude he knelt beside Brother Ellis. The latter continued his prayer, but the mocker had uttered only a few words when he fell over on the ground, dead. The boys, thinking he was still mocking, let him lie there a little time. When the prayer was over, to the surprise of all present, they found that the man was dead and all efforts to restore him to life failed.

All of the soldiers seem to respect Brother Ellis for his religion and this incident has made a deep impression upon the minds of many.—Ed.]

Marietta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed a very good meeting here. Six received the Holy Ghost and four or five were sanctified. Large crowds attended the services and we had splendid order.

The meeting was conducted by Brother Daniel of Atlanta and Brother Sample of Roswell assisted by some visiting workers.

I hold services here every Sunday night with very good attendance.

Please pray for us.

Your brother,
G. W. Rakestraw.

Cortez, Fla.

To The Evangel:

We left here July 1, to visit relatives and friends in Washington County, Ga. Passing by Melrose we stopped and spent about three days at the camp meeting and enjoyed hearing Brother Lemons and other Church of God ministers preach the real Bible truth in its fullness and enjoyed the sweet communion of many other saints. We then made a day's run arriving at our old home about dark and found a good supper waiting for us.

The first thing that began to attract my attention was that our old home county was almost in total darkness so far as the gospel of Christ in its fullness was concerned, none having received the Holy Ghost except a few in the southwest portion where Brother Johnson had preached. We had the pleasure of spending two or three days down there with them. Under Brother Johnson's preaching they saw the light and are now walking in the light as they receive it.

A few people in our home county who have been reading

the Evangel and hearing a little about the Church of God, wanted a meeting. We at once wrote Brother Jim Aylor and John L. Stephens to come. After a week or ten days we succeeded in getting Brother Aylor, his wife, and Sister Lucy Deloach. We commenced in a school house about eight miles north of Davisboro in the neighborhood of Downs. From the beginning to the end the meeting grew in number and interest. The number near the close was estimated at four to five hundred. Many asked for prayer. We noticed especially at one morning service there were five or six old men, aged from fifty-five to seventy-five years, at the altar seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They were all members of some church.

Brother Aylor having obligated himself to return to his church at Melrose, and seeing that we were not prepared for such a big meeting, closed the meeting with the understanding that he would return in about two weeks or not exceeding three. He intends to have more help, more books and possibly a tent so as to accommodate the large gatherings of people.

Washington County is a great field with open doors and many who want more of God. Sandersville, Tenille, Davisboro, Riddleville and many other points in the county want to hear true holiness. We hope that some of our preachers will go in there and preach the gospel with power and demonstration of the Spirit, for if they do, people will get saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and have the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance as they did in the days of Pentecostal preaching, and have power given them to live above sin if they will continue to walk in the light.

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Your brother in Christ,
W. W. Powell.

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We have several calls. Pray that God will use us in the salvation of souls. Also pray earnestly for the church here as some have fallen from the faith through the deception of sin and the devil is at work yet.

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